

the hilt

The Hilt champions pinot noir and chardonnay from the climate margins of California's coastal winegrowing regions, with –Sta. Rita Hills and Santa Barbara County's AVA's prominent among them. The philosophy of “growing in the margins” propels wine growers to employ practices that enable grapes to show full transparency of site—key to The Hilt's philosophy.

As hinted at in the name, The Hilt goes “all the way” in its quest for expression and quality; nothing is held back in terms of effort.

2014

THE HILT
PINOT NOIR
STA. RITA HILLS

CASES: 2,000
VINEYARDS: Bentrack, Radian, Sanford & Benedict and Bien Nacido. Vine age between 8 and 44 years.
BARRELS: 30% New French oak, 70% neutral French oak

Dark and seductive. Nose full of vibrant herbs, black pepper and dark chocolate covered cherries. The fresh red fruit on the palate jumps out with subtle notes of black tea and savory smoked meat. Soft and fragrant fruit lingers on the acid-driven finish alongside gentle, chalky tannins. A beautiful and pure pinot noir right out of the gates.
–Winemaker-Matt Dees

92 Points

Review by Jeb Dunnuck
The Wine Advocate August 2016

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Review by Antonio Galloni
Vinous September 2016

